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To the Old Fletton Urban District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the sanitary conditions of the district for the year ending 31st December 1944.

The report has been constructed on similar lines to the arrangement adopted for reasons of security in last year's report.

STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health V. D. BUCHANAN, L.R.C.P. & S. Ed.

Sanitary Inspector S. HAIGH, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

LIVE BIRTHS

Birth Rate per 1000 population 16.9

STILL BIRTHS

Rate per 1000 total births 35

DEATHS

Death rate per 1000 population 8.5

Deaths from Puerperal Causes
per 1000 total (live and still) births Nil

Death Rate of Infants under One Year of age:—

All infants per 1,000 live births 21

Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births 16

Illegitimate „ „ „ illegitimate „ „ 83.3

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) 4

Deaths from Measles (all ages) Nil

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) Nil

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years) Nil

RATES

	Per 1,000 Population			Per 1,000 Live Births
	Live Births	Still Births	Death Rate	Infantile Mortality
Fletton	16.9	0.62	8.5	21
England & Wales	17.6	0.50	11.6	46

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

The provision of health services within the area generally remains unaltered.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

No undertakings of any importance have been carried out during the past twelve months and generally the circumstances are unaltered.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The routine visits of inspection in connection with this work have been carried out as in past years.

TO THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

SIR,

I beg to submit my Report for the year ending 31st December, 1944.

Complaints received	.....	Total No. of	.....	308
Premises, houses, etc.	.....	No. inspected	.....	450
		Nuisances abated	.....	300
Pool, ditch, gutter, watercourse		No. inspected	.....	1
		Nuisances abated	.....	Nil
Animals improperly kept	.....	No. inspected	.....	Nil
		Nuisances abated	.....	Nil
Privy, urinal, cesspool, ashpit	.....	No. inspected	.....	Nil
		Nuisances abated	.....	Nil
Drain, Drain-traps, etc., etc.	.....	No. inspected	.....	10
		Nuisances abated	.....	10
House, or part thereof, overcrowded		No. inspected	.....	Nil
		Nuisances abated	.....	Nil
Smoke nuisances	.....	No. of observations	.....	Nil
		Nuisances abated	.....	Nil
Offensive accumulations	.....	No. inspected	.....	Nil
		Nuisances abated	.....	Nil
Other sanitary conditions	.....	No. inspected	.....	Nil
		Nuisances abated	.....	Nil
*Slaughter houses	.....	No. licensed or registered	.....	4
		No. of inspections	.....	Nil
Offensive trades (Health Act 1936)		No. established	.....	Nil
		No. of inspections	.....	Nil
Housing Act, 1936		No. houses condemned	.....	Nil
		No. closed	.....	Nil
		No. cleaned and limewashed	.....	Nil
Food—seizures of unwholesome		No. of	.....	570 lbs.

* Closed under the Food Acts (Slaughtering carried out at controlled slaughterhouse, Peterborough.)

Infectious Disease	.....	.....	{	Houses affected with Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria and Erysipelas	.....	11
				Houses inspected	.....	10
				No. of inspections	.....	10
				Houses disinfected	.....	10
				Schools	„	Nil
				Disinfectant used	Formalin	
				Lots of clothing disinfected		10
				„	„	destroyed	Nil
Water closets	.....	.....		New provided	.....	12
				No. supplied with water		Nil
Ashbins	.....	.....	.....	New provided	.....	80
				{	Samples taken for analysis		12
„	condemned		Nil			
Wells closed	.....	Nil				
Wells cleansed, repaired, etc.		Nil				
Public supply substituted for well or pond		Nil				
Cisterns cleansed, repaired, covered	.....	Nil				
Waste pipes disconnected from drain	.....	Nil				
Total Legal Proceedings, <i>i.e.</i> , Summonses, etc.				.....	.....	Nil
Convictions				.....	.....	Nil

S. HAIGH,
Sanitary Inspector.

The following table gives the incidence of notifiable diseases (other than tuberculosis) in the area during 1944.

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The incidence of notifiable diseases throughout the area remained low, whooping cough being the most prevalent.

The incidence of Scabies reported in the District for the past twelve months has been very small.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

At the close of the year, 31st December, 1944, the percentage of the child population of the District, who had received Diphtheria prophylactic treatment was as follows:—

- (a) Children between 1 and 5 years of age 39.7%
- (b) Children between 5 and 15 years of age 84.8%

The proportion of children between 5 and 15 years of age who have been immunised is considered satisfactory, whereas the immunised proportion of children between 1 and 5 years of age—the age group in which the disease is most prevalent and most fatal—cannot under any circumstances be considered satisfactory. The large number of children who have received this treatment has no doubt influenced the low incidence of Diphtheria in the area.

As regards immunisation against whooping cough the efficacy of the method of artificial protection cannot be said to be fully established yet.

Tuberculosis.

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
5	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
15	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
25	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
35	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 & upwards.....	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
TOTAL :—	5	2	2	1	3	2	2	—

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925 in connection with persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act 1936 dealing with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

I am,
Your obedient servant,
V. D. BUCHANAN,
Medical Officer of Health.

